

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

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Deputy Secretary of State

RESOLUTION CHAPTER _____

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to CHP Officer Merle L. Andrews Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 20, Oropeza. CHP Officer Merle L. Andrews Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange of Interstate 405 and Interstate 110 in the City of Carson in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Merle L. Andrews Memorial Interchange. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the highest vocations of public service and any individual who accepts this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the community, state, and nation can provide; and

WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Merle L. Andrews was killed in the line of duty on December 20, 1967. Officer Andrews was attempting to arrest a man wanted in connection with a stolen vehicle, robbery, and kidnapping when the man opened fire on Officer Andrews; and

WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews succumbed to his injuries as a result of the shooting; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Merle L. Andrews was survived by his wife, Sandy Andrews, son, Carl J. Andrews, father, Carl J. Andrews, mother, Margaret C. Andrews, brother, Neil Andrews, niece, Margaret A. Cady, nephew Peter Beaver, and many beloved friends; and

WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews was born on February 4, 1928, in Redondo Beach, California, to Carl and Margaret Andrews. His family settled in Compton where he graduated from Compton High School and attended Compton Junior College; and

WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews took great pride in serving the United States of America by enlisting in the United States Navy serving from 1945 through 1949; and

WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the California Highway Patrol, Merle L. Andrews followed in the footsteps of his father and brother by joining the Compton Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Merle L. Andrews joined the California Highway Patrol on July 8, 1958. After successfully completing his academy training, he reported to the South Los Angeles area on October 3, 1958; and

WHEREAS, During his CHP career, Merle L. Andrews made significant contributions to traffic safety and assisting the motoring public and was known by his fellow officers for his dedication to the department and to the protection of the citizens of our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the interchange of Interstate 405 and Interstate 110 in the City of Carson in the County of Los Angeles, as the CHP Officer Merle L. Andrews Memorial Interchange; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Attest:

Secretary of State